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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Technology, OSA
Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT : OSA Staff Report Regarding Actions Stimulated
by the Purcell Panel Report

1. In response to a requirement levied by Colonel Ledford during the Staff Meeting on 17 July, the Programs Staff has the responsibility to coordinate the preparation of a paper to the DCI relating to the actions which OSA have taken in response to the recommendations cited in the Purcell Panel Report. Although the emphasis of the Purcell Report is primarily directed toward development-type activity, the Deputy for Field Activities is requested to review the report carefully for whatever actions or comments his offices may take in consonance with the report. The Deputy for Technology is also requested to review the report and to advise this staff of the development activities which his offices are now engaged in or plan to engage, which will fulfill the recommendations of the Purcell Report.

2. You are also requested to cite any item or suggestion of the Purcell Panel Report in which you do not concur, then please state your recommended changes.

3. For the moment at least, your response should be limited to those activities under Program B's direction. Handicapped by the lack of a specific definition for Program B's responsibilities, we will assume that Program B includes OXCART, TAGBOARD, IDEALIST, CORONA, MURAL, ARGON, LANYARD, [REDACTED]

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4. A tentative meeting with the Deputy Director of the NRO has been established for early August during which time OSA's preliminary report will be reviewed and a decision made as to whether the report should be enlarged to include some of Program A's activities. It is requested that your preliminary report be forwarded to this office by 8 August.


Chief, Programs Staff
(Special Activities)

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